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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY BOLKCOM
1 3 A Resolution requesting the establishment of an
1 4 interim study committee by the legislative
1 5 council to conduct an examination of energy
1 6 efficiency programs under the purview of the
1 7 Iowa utilities board.
1 8 WHEREAS, achieving and continually improving upon
1 9 energy efficiency in terms of the development and
1 10 refinement of renewable sources of energy and the
1 11 adoption and utilization of energy conservation
1 12 practices is an increasingly important priority for
1 13 the citizens of this state; and
1 14 WHEREAS, decreasing reliance on foreign sources of
1 15 energy will enhance the well-being of the citizens of
1 16 this state and stimulate the state's economy; and
1 17 WHEREAS, programs devoted to energy efficiency and
1 18 alternative sources of energy production can reduce
1 19 the state's dependence on foreign sources of energy,
1 20 provide valuable public education regarding
1 21 energy-efficient practices, and enhance the ability of
1 22 lower income citizens to cope with rising energy
1 23 costs; and
1 24 WHEREAS, the Iowa utilities board requires gas and
1 25 electric public utilities to offer energy efficiency
1 26 programs to their customers through energy efficiency
1 27 plans, and administers statutory provisions relating
1 28 to energy production and regulation; NOW THEREFORE,
1 29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative
1 30 council is requested to establish an interim study
2 1 committee to examine energy efficiency programs under
2 2 the purview of the Iowa utilities board and develop
2 3 recommendations on how to improve and increase the
2 4 effectiveness of such programs. The recommendations
2 5 developed shall be based upon testimony from the
2 6 board, rate and nonrate-regulated gas and electric
2 7 utilities, the consumer advocate, state agencies
2 8 involved with energy efficiency program
2 9 administration, and environmental groups and
2 10 associations, and consumer input. The committee shall
2 11 be composed of 10 members, representing both political
2 12 parties and both houses of the general assembly. Five
2 13 members shall be members of the senate, three of whom
2 14 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the
2 15 senate and two of whom shall be appointed by the
2 16 minority leader of the senate. The other five members
2 17 shall be members of the house of representatives,
2 18 appointed by the speaker of the house, three of whom
2 19 shall be of the majority party and two of whom shall
2 20 be of the minority party; and
2 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be
2 22 staffed by the legislative services agency, with
2 23 assistance from the Iowa utilities board, the
2 24 department of natural resources, and the department of
2 25 economic development; and
2 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study
2 27 committee shall issue a report of recommendations to
2 28 the general assembly by December 15, 2007.
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